

Law 107–38, the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Acts on the United States, to the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the “Commission”).

These funds are necessary to support the essential activities of the Commission in assessing the capabilities and challenges of the intelligence community regarding the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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**Message to the Senate Transmitting
a Protocol Amending the
Netherlands-United States
Convention on Taxation**

July 16, 2004

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith for Senate advice and consent to ratification, the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington, D.C., on March 8, 2004. Transmitted for the Senate’s information is an exchange of notes with an attached Understanding, which provides clarification with respect to the application of the Convention, as amended, in specific cases. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State with respect to the Protocol.

The Protocol would bring the existing Convention into closer conformity with current U.S. tax treaty policy. As modified by the Protocol, the Convention would be similar to tax treaties between the United States and other developed nations. The Protocol was concluded in recognition of the impor-

tance of the United States’ economic relations with the Netherlands.

The Protocol would modify the treatment of certain cross-border dividend payments and would modernize the Convention’s anti-treaty-shopping provisions. The Protocol also would liberalize provisions in the existing Convention regarding the mutual recognition of each country’s pension plans. Other provisions in the Protocol update the Convention to take account of changes in law in the two countries over the last 10 years. The exchange of notes with an attached Understanding provides guidance to taxpayers and each government regarding the intended interpretation of certain provisions of the existing Convention, as amended.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Protocol, and that the Senate give its advice and consent to ratification.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 16, 2004.

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**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 11

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

July 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Oak Ridge, TN, where he toured the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador.

July 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Marquette, MI, where he began a bus tour. Upon arrival in Marquette, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Grace McCarthy. Later, he traveled to Duluth, MN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Darren Klemek.

In the evening, the President traveled to Milwaukee, WI.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel R. Levinson to be Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Don T. Riley to be a Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission and, upon appointment, to designate him as Commission President.

The President announced his intention to appoint David H. Koch as a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

July 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, continuing his bus tour, he traveled to Waukesha, WI, and later to West Bend, WI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fond du Lac, WI, and later to Oshkosh, WI.

In the evening, the President traveled to Ashwaubenon, WI. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his appointment of Walter B. Slocombe as a member of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction.

July 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and then with the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Natsagiyn Bagabandi of Mongolia.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Roberto Abdenur of Brazil, Bernardo Sande of Malawi, Daouda Diabate of Cote d'Ivoire, Charles A. Minor of Liberia, Leonard Njogu Ngaithe of Kenya, George a. Obiozor of Nigeria, Tijani Ould Kerim of Mauritania, Kasit Piromya of Thailand, and Gordon Shirley of Jamaica.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece: President George Bush (delegation leader); Barbara Bush; Thomas Miller; Barbara P. Bush; Jenna Bush; Chris Evert; Alex Spanos; and Faye Spanos.

July 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tampa, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Lan Pham.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Beckley, WV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Susan Landis. He then made remarks at a rally. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate B. Lynn Pascoe to be Ambassador to Indonesia.

The President announced his intention to designate Daniel B. Levin as Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his designation of Timothy S. Bitsberger as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Financial Markets).

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning July 12 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 12

James Ballinger, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2010, vice Cleo Parker Robinson, term expiring.

Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2009 (reappointment).

George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 5, 2006, vice Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., term expired.

Terence Alan Teachout, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2010, vice Gordon Davidson, term expiring.

Withdrawn July 12

James M. Strock, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006, vice Penne Percy Korth, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released July 9

Advance text of the President's remarks at a rally in York, PA *

Released July 11

Fact sheet: White House South Lawn Tee-Ball

Released July 12

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released July 13

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4103

Released July 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1731

Released July 16

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Jersey

Fact sheet: Human Trafficking: A Modern Form of Slavery

Acts Approved by the President

Approved July 13

H.R. 4103 / Public Law 108-274
AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004

Approved July 15

H.R. 1731 / Public Law 108-275
Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act

* This release was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.